

Bubonic Plague

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With Special Reference to The Prevention of

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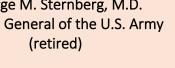
Typhoid bacillus



Asiatic cholera

S. pyogenes (Erisipelas)

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Bacillus of Leprosy

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Infection and Immunity with Special Reference to The Prevention of Infectious Diseases was published in 1903. The book was written for readers without a medical background, and includes general information on infectious disease, as well as some specific diseases which are presented in more detail. To quote the author, who served as the U.S. Army Surgeon General from 1893-1902, "The general statement may be made that all infectious diseases are preventable disease, and at the present time it is possible to indicate the necessary measures of prevention for nearly all of these diseases. That they continue to prevail, and to claim hundreds of thousands of victims annually, is largely due to the fact that the public, generally, has not yet been educated upon these subjects."

Many of the diseases described have since been largely eradicated through education of the public regarding modes and prevention of transmission and with effective vaccines. Some persist, and new ones will continue to arise, despite tremendous advances in public health, science and medicine. While some of the specific advice is outdated, the general principles are still relevant. Summary by J. M. Smallheer

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